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APT-0006Application No.  
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1771 ✓

Applicant(s): Takaaki Hirai et al

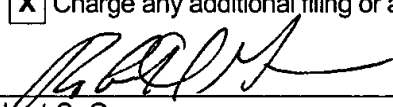
Invention: PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF CRYSTALLINE AROMATIC POLYESTER-BASED  
RESIN, AND IN MOLD EXPANDED PRODUCT AND EXPANDED LAMINATE USING THE  
SAME**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2003 (Paper No. 9), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS  
SPECIFICATION**

☐ There are no amendments to the specification.

☒ Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section.

**CLAIMS**

☐ There are no amendments to the claims.

☒ A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in